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LUCKY SEVENTH

Delta Delta Delta sung to victory for the seventh consecutive time during the Greek Sing competition Sunday in Lantz Arena.

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DOUBLEHEADER WIN

The Eastern softball team won its doubleheader against Tennessee State Saturday, while Sunday's games against Belmont were rained out.

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The girls of Kappa Delta sorority danced to songs that went along with their "Snow White" theme during Airband Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Fake it to make it Greeks imitate artists with song, dance

By Cassie Buchman

City Editor | @DEN_News

Chants and cheers echoed throughout Lantz Arena as fraternities and sororities took the stage with instruments given to them from birth, the bodies, for Airband 2015, one of Greek Week's final competitions.

They danced and mouthed words to popular songs in order to take first place this year.

Greek Week Queen and King were announced and coronation Saturday.

Delta Zeta took first place for sororities in Airband, while fraternities Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon tied for first in the competition.

Kappa Delta took second place, and in third place were Lambda Chi and Alpha Phi.

Many of the sororities and fraternities performing at Airband had a theme, such as Delta Delta Delta, who had a circus theme complete with outfits of red jackets with gold patches on the shoulders.

Delta Chi went after, exciting the audience as members danced to popular hits of boy bands such as One Direction and The Jonas Brothers.

Delta Tau Delta incorporated elements of popular culture into their performance, as an alarm blared partway through their dance and

members emerged with white masks on while a voice-over announced the beginning of "The Purge."

They portrayed themselves as warriors in their performance, wearing scarves and carrying baseball bats. At one point, they even circled around one man wearing boxing gloves looking like he was getting ready for a fight.

Pi Kappa Alpha members based their performance off the dance group Jabbawockeez and wore necklaces with money signs while dancing to songs like "All I Do is Win" by T-Pain.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon danced in suits and ties, which members later shedded for T-shirts reading, "Let us take you out."

Kappa Delta interpreted the story of Snow White as members danced to the song "Heigh-Ho" to portray the seven dwarves at work. Then, they danced with a glittery "poison" apple to "Toxic" by Britney Spears, and finally they woke up to the song "Flawless" by Beyoncé.

Sigma Kappa brought the '80s back to the arena as members danced in tights, leotards and leg warmers to "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" by Whitney Houston ending their performance by holding up lit-up signs with "Sigma Kappa" written on them.

After, Sigma Nu danced to Miley Cyrus

songs from throughout her career, even donning a blonde wig from her "Hannah Montana" days.

Sigma Sigma Sigma members wore jail uniforms for costumes. Alpha Sigma Alpha followed them, wearing all black with gold shoes.

Alpha Gamma Delta went for a rock-star theme, complete with one woman dropping her microphone after members were dancing.

Delta Zeta went with a freak-show theme and started out with a woman in a Freddy Krueger costume, with some women putting on and taking off colorful, feathery masks throughout the performance.

Alpha Sigma Tau went after Delta Zeta with a heartbreaker theme, where members danced in shiny gold shirts and black shorts.

Alphi Phi had a time theme with a large calendar that members brought on stage. They had a different song for every season like in December when they danced to "All I Want for Christmas" by Mariah Carey.

Sigma Pi then danced to "What is Love?" by Haddaway and "Can't Touch This" by MC Hammer.

Sigma Chi performed to Motown classics in gold shirts, followed by Sigma Phi Epsilon, who pretended to be a part of NASA, with a table acting as a control board.

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Student government explains budget cuts

By Luis Martinez

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To fall in line with its new budget, the student government had to cut funds from professional services, non-employee travel, wearing apparel and other commodities.

Student government also cut \$600 from student payroll, which was \$400 from the secretary positions and \$100 from both the Webmaster and graphic design positions on student government.

The student government association's proposed budget was originally \$42,035, and after the April 2 Apportionment Board meeting, the allotted budget for student government decreased to \$38,200, which was \$3,835 less than the original proposal.

Shirmeen Ahmad, the student vice presi-

dent for academic affairs, said the executive board decided on what to cut from the budget based on how much money is used in each area.

"We just really looked at the areas where we had known that we would have to cut, so we kind of had that planned," Ahmad said. "For example, for First Night, we knew that we had some extra money in there that didn't get used, so that was a good place to take out from."

Ahmad also said the process of deciding what areas to cut among the executive board members was like a negotiation, and the cuts were dependent on which areas used their funds consistently.

"We looked at the budget right now and how much we had left and seeing the different areas, how much actually gets used,"

Ahmad said.

She also said in terms of the budget next year, the student government would have to be more careful with its spending.

"It just has to make us more frugal. We would have to make sure to consider when we're doing events to really find co-sponsors to help us pay for different things, to do different things," Ahmad said. "It's just going to be having to make sure we always follow the budget and always know what we have to do with it."

While there are cuts to some events student government hosts during the year, Ahmad said there have not been any cuts to those events.

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CUPB brainstorms ideas to pay back state funds

By Luis Martinez

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The Council on University Planning and Budget heard ideas on how Eastern would go about paying back a 2.25 percent cut to fiscal year 2015 funds from the state of Illinois.

The cuts would come from the state appropriated funds handed out statewide for the current fiscal year, meaning Illinois universities would have to pay back some of the funds already given to them by the state.

David Emmerich, the CUPB chairman, said the discussion during Friday's meeting was to review options to go about paying back 2.25 percent of state appropriated funds.

"Not all of the university's money comes from the same source," Emmerich said. "Some of that money comes from the state."

Emmerich said the state had provided Eastern with roughly \$4.4 million in appropriated funds, and the state has requested nearly \$1 million to be returned.

The 2.25 percent cut totals out to roughly \$989,100.

President Bill Perry asked the council members their advice about the reduction to the 2015 fiscal budget.

"There's still some wrangling going over the 2015 budget because some of the cuts that have been made after the 2.25 percent cut in grants," Perry said.

Perry also said some of the cuts have created a lot of political push back in Springfield.

Paul McCann, the interim vice president for business affairs, presented different options Eastern could take to go about paying back the 2.25 percent to the state.

McCann said during the meeting, on top of the \$989,100, Eastern also has to pay back \$79,000, which was from telecommunication expenses.

"We were notified that on top of the 2.25 (percent), we've got that \$79,000 still sitting out there," McCann said. "It's roughly a million plus \$79,000 that we have to come up with now."

McCann said the money from telecommunication is already handled, but it is not just the \$989,100 Eastern is trying to find the funds for.

"The options are some thoughts we had on how we might be able to solve the \$989,100," McCann said. "We have the ability to transfer about half a million dollars of projects within the deferred maintenance area over to campus improvements."

McCann said the projects being transferred fall within the area of campus improvement and that is why they can be moved over.


McCann said one option could be moving some of the expenses of continuing education. He also said there were two additional options that could be used.

"One of them is move some of the moneys that we've been able to accumulate in the equivalent reserve and use some of those dollars," McCann said. "The final thing would be using some of our reserves, say within the telecomm, to cover some of the expenses."

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Girls on the Run gives youth confidence

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After weeks of training, hundreds of runners and walkers came out for the Girls on the Run 5K race Saturday at O'Brien Field.

More than 600 volunteers from various Eastern registered student organizations and the community came out to cheer on the runners, including participants from the Girls on the Run Program and the Stride program, which is geared toward boys.

Many girls, volunteers and coaches wore colorful tutus with even more colors and sparkles in their hair.

Teams came from around Coles County, including Effingham and Arthur.

Words of encouragement were written on the street and volunteers showed runners where to go.

Some of the people cheering were family members, such as Dwen Harris, who came to watch her granddaughter run.

Harris said her granddaughter's mother put her in the program and other programs like it despite her asthma.

"She just keeps on pushing, just keeps going," Harris said.

Harris said her granddaughter just turned 10 and had been participating in Girls on the Run for a couple of years now.

Running may have had a part in helping her granddaughter deal with her asthma, she said.

Later on in the race, Harris was able to see her granddaughter, who stopped to give her a hug then quickly went right back to running.

Eastern's Unity Gospel Choir cheered, "Keep pushing, keep going" to the people running.

Cheyenne Hughes, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said



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A group of girls approach the finish line after running the course set for Girls on the Run Saturday. The course began and ended at O'Brien Field and wound around a Charleston neighborhood and the Panther Trail.

Saturday was the first time Unity Gospel Choir had done community service as a choir.

"It just seemed like a good place," she said. "We're all about ministering, getting the message out."

The Latin American Student Association cheered near the streets by O'Brien.

Matthew Wilkie, a sophomore Spanish major, said members of LASO had been out since 7:30 a.m. to support Girls on the Run and Stride.

"I think with a program like this, they can use all the support and positive energy they can get," he said.

Service sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha also arrived at the race early at 8 a.m.

Alexandra Sterling, a sophomore

accounting major, said Girls on the Run seemed like it was bringing a good message to young girls.

"It gives them positive messages instead of negative ones," she said.

Jessica Loftis, a sophomore pre-nursing major, came to Girls on the Run with Deborah Smetters, a junior psychology major who came with the psychology club.

Loftis said she knew how important it could be to have support based on other running events she has participated in.

"I've got compliments, been getting all the high fives," she said.

As they completed the last leg of their race and got closer to the finish line, girls started doing cartwheels on the track. At the end of the race, everyone who ran got a medal.

Caitlin Muse, a 12-year-old Girls on the Run participant, ran the race with her mother.

She said she ran in the 5K last season as well.

"I know I run really fast now, and I know I can do it," she said. "I like to meet new people."

Amanda Muse, her mother, said she could see how Girls on the Run helped Caitlin with her confidence, and increasing her self-esteem.

"She now knows she can do things she never thought she could," Amanda Muse said. "She's kind of come out of her shell."

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EIU Dancers perform variety

By Stephanie White
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Saturday night in the Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, the EIU dancers took the stage in their last big performance of the semester titled "Dangerously in Love."

There were 18 separate small performances in total, and all covered different forms of dance. Hip-hop, interpretative, ballet, tap and others dance styles were combined into the performance.

EIU Dancers President Liv Link said they performed different styles of dance because it is important to learn many different kinds of dance.

"Learning different forms not only teaches them the different kinds of dance but also entertains many people in the audience," she said.

There were three guest choreographers that helped with the performance: Kristen Pierce, a former member of the EIU dancers and the Pink Panthers dance team; Nicole Varvarezos, a senior at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and a former member of the EIU Dancers; and Lyndsey Weber, an Eastern alumna and former member of the EIU Dancers.

Throughout the entire performance, there were short videos shown of the dancers during their practices. Some of the dancers narrated the videos, telling the audience why they became a dancer for the team, what they like about being on the team and what being on the team has done for them in their lives.

The first performance, called "Who We Are," featured the entire dance team, which introduced the audience all the dancers.

The next two performances, "I'm Doin' Me" and "Living Without" featured a smaller portion of the team.

"I'm Doin' Me" was the first hip-hop style dance of the evening. The fourth performance was a form of interpretive couple's dance called "Truth of Desire."

The next dance, "It's All Over," was performed by two dancers, Kristlyn Dalton and Nicki Sheridan, who were the co-directors of the entire performance along with the choreographers of the dance.

The performance featured a musical

piece, called "Forget the Boy," which is the only musical-styled performance throughout the entire show. The dancers lip synced the song and used a prop in their performance.

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CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article "Students react to proposed athletic fee hike," should have stated that Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, proposed the fee increase. *The News* regrets the error.

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ASA models ‘Emerald City’ in African fashion show

Show re-enacts ‘The Wiz’ with African culture representations

By **Kristen Lewis**
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Bright colors, entertainment and a taste of African culture were showcased in the seventh annual African Students Association fashion show in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday.

The theme of the show was from the 1978 movie “The Wiz,” starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

Julianne Adegoriolu, the wardrobe coordinator, played the main character Dorothy and guided the audience from scene to scene during the show. She wore a dress that showcased her African heritage as well.

The stage was set up with a painting with different representations of the African culture. In the beginning, people in the show modeled flags from places like Ghana, Nigeria, Gambia and more across the stage with music from the African culture playing in the background.

Adegoriolu wore a multicolored shirt with purples, blues, greens and oranges, while her skirt resembled a peacock eye feather with colors like orange and blue and green patterns all over it.

The show consisted of three scenes: Ankara Village, Robot Cen-

tral and the Lion’s Den. Each scene Dorothy picked up a new character to go with her to Emerald City. Each character was shown on stage when the curtains opened and certain lines from the movie were played, but with a twist from the models playing the role.

The Tin Man, played by Aaron Carr, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, wore black pants with suspenders without a shirt and a kufi cap, which is a traditional hat worn by men in Western Africa.

Adegoriolu came to save him by giving him oil so Carr can accompany her on the journey because he only came to life when one of the models approached him. The models wore all white with headscarves using the same material with colorful patterns representing the African culture.

“I participated in the fashion show to support ASA in their efforts of paying homage to our African origins,” Carr said.

Jalen Washington, a sophomore accounting major, played the scarecrow and his scene consisted of some models wearing shorts or a skirt made from the Ankara material. In his scene, he sat while models strutted down to the front of the stage to show their outfit then posed next to Washington.

Stephanie Jenkins, the African Student Association president, said this year the fashion show was geared toward cultural and traditional non-African people in hopes they will obtain a better pride in show casing student designers and entrepreneurs.



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Shaquila Studamire, a graduate student, strikes a pose at the end of the runway at the annual African Student Association’s fashion show Friday at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in the Grand Ballroom. Articles of clothing with roots stemming from Africa were modeled throughout the show.

Andrea Jenkins, the event coordinator, said the Emerald City was her favorite scene of the show.

Emerald City is the last destination Dorothy goes to meet The Wiz and that scene consisted of flashing

lights and high fashion from the people who stayed in the city.

“I thought it would be a cool idea to put it in the show,” Jenkins said.

The registered student organization Merchandising Apparel and Design association, designed the clothes for the first scene of the show and Jenkins sketched out all of the designs for the show.

Jenkins said the patterns Michael Jackson wore in the movie made her think of Ankara fabric that has a lot of bold colors and patterns from the African culture.

Kaffy Kouture, a clothes and accessory designer who showcased her work in the show, also used the Ankara fabric to make the accessories used for the show in the second scene.

“It took me three sleepless nights to make them because I actually have to make them,” Kaffy said.

Jenkins said some people questioned how she was able to relate the theme of the movie back to Africa, which she said was a difficult task.

“It’s not easy putting a show on like this that’s different,” Jenkins said.

In 2011, Cindy Owusu, the past coordinator inspired Jenkins to make her show interactive with the audience so it could be engaging.

“She had a theater twist which definitely drawn me to like her show,” Jenkins said.

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Giving people something to believe in

For the past several semesters I have been at Eastern, the visit of Brother Jed sparked strong opinions and debate. As I listened to the words of Brother Jed April 5 and the remarks of those he spoke with at the Mellin Steps I couldn't help but reconsider my stance on organized religion.

Although I attended a Catholic elementary school for over 10 years I've never considered myself a religious person.

Yes, I am a firm believer that there is a higher power. Somewhere in the universe, amongst the clouds, the planets, but most importantly in our hearts, lies a piece of the creator but somewhere in the technicalities of religion I think society has lost track of this fact.

For hundreds of years, different deities have been celebrated and praised, but in different forms and fashions.

I find that it is not whom you praise that defines you but rather how you praise is what really holds weight.

I understand that as human beings we all have unique qualities and characteristics that link us to the creator; therefore, I find it hard to judge those who seek him (or her for that matter) in ways that are different from my own.

I realize that when forming a relationship with the higher power, one must first be comfortable with him or herself before they are able to seek anything on a larger scale.

The older I get and the more experiences I have, I begin to the shift my thinking on organized religions.

Much like many of the arts of today's society, religion has been given a price tag and used to create social barriers throughout society.

For example, several years ago I attended a church service with a friend, and I must say, until this day it is still one of the most profound church experiences I have had to date.

I mean there was nothing out of the ordinary going on, but the life that congregation displayed and the energy they exuded reminded me of a concert.

There was praise—dancers pranced, lights flashed and discoed throughout the church, congregation members screamed to the heavens and a choir wailed praise on the high right at the front of the stage.

Though this is probably normal church behavior for some, the scene took me aback on this day between the walls of the home of the Lord. However, it wasn't until the pastor of the church and his wife spoke that I really became perplexed.

After the pastor's speech, the wife collected "dues" for the church. Once again—not an unusual task, but it was her words that made me question everything.

To persuade church members to donate their funds, she told her story of how she used her gain to help those around her.

She not only asked for donations, but she was very specific for what they would be accepting and what was "enough" and what wasn't. It shocked me because I didn't understand why.

If we were in fact in the "House of God" who was she to deem individuals unworthy of donating to God.

After that day I began to look a religion for what it is: a social institution created to invoke order on society and make its members feel as though they are a part of a greater structure, gearing their lives to a higher cause.

To give our lives meaning and purpose, we put our faith in scripture or words that we believe have major meaning. Nevertheless, I'm here to tell everyone that if you do not answer the call from god within yourself, seeking him in the physical universe will be a never-ending journey.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Charleston's 'safety' standing not all-encompassing

An article in Friday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* reported Eastern was named one of the safest cities in Illinois by an online source.

The Charleston community should not assume this report means doors do not need locking, and safety precautions do not need to be taken.

ValuePenguin.com and SafeWise Report listed Charleston as the second safest city to live in with a population of 15,000 to 13,000 people, and 16th in a study of 298 cities overall.

SafeWise achieved its results by analyzing the number of violent and property crimes reported to them by an FBI crime report and calculated the chance of each crime taking place.

University Police Chief Adam Due suggested Charleston's safety might have to do with its rural location.

The city's low crime rate in regard to violent and property crimes is an accomplishment to be proud of, surely. It is important, however, to not let a study that analyzed two very specific categories of crime, dominate our understanding of Charleston's well being.

In 2013, the Coles County Sheriff Department reported seizing a total of \$242,673 in a street-value-worth of drugs.

The county had to cut corrections training time largely because of employee turnover, which reduced the number of mandatory training hours for personnel.

As a result, total activity for patrol went down and crime went up.

Another issue that arises with this report is the subjectivity of the word safe. In this case, the reporters based their results on physically violent and property crimes.

An estimated 22 percent – more than 1 in 5 – of the

Coles County population is considered officially poor and earns an annual income below the federal threshold of \$11,490 for an individual, according to the Coles County Poverty Data Project.

Charleston is also an interesting city in the context of this study, since a considerable amount of its population is derived from the university.

Across the county, crime rates in particular categories fluctuate between the summer and academic school year, according to the 2013 Coles County Annual Report.

While the city should certainly pride itself in being named one of the safest mid-sized cities in Illinois, other considerations regarding residents' safety should not be brushed off.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Being straight edge is a choice to be proud of

Living in a college environment where drug use is seen as an almost mandatory means of recreation, I get mixed reactions when I proclaim "straight edge" as one of my life choices.

Many laugh at the very idea, thinking anyone who avoids alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and takes pride in that decision must be naïve and missing out on some essential right-of-passage to human existence.

Others believe people who identify as straight edge are judgmental and hypocritical by nature for promoting their way of life.

However, people should take the time to learn what straight edge is before assuming things about those who identify with it.

The straight edge subculture began within the hardcore punk scene and was a reaction to the glorification of self-abuse musicians and fans previously promoted.

The movement has evolved and expanded, and as such, many people still identify as straight edge but apply its meaning to their lives differently.

Looking at the musicians and pop culture figures within this movement can help to elucidate some of the differences.

Davey Havok, the lead vocalist of AFI, promotes straight edge as being morally against drug use, calling it a means of self-abuse, and believes humanity would be better without drugs.



Stephanie Markham

Many straight edge people like Havok are also vegan and promote a cruelty-free lifestyle, though the two decisions are not mutually exclusive.

Alissa White-Gluz, the lead vocalist of Arch Enemy who is also vegan and straight edge, promotes animal rights activism, though she is not as vocal about being straight edge because she views it as a personal decision of no consequence to others.

For the WWE wrestler CM Punk, being straight edge is his gimmick; he displays red X's prominently on his gloves, and he often called his rivals and audiences weak for succumbing to the allure of drugs.

Others group the abstention from promiscuous sex into their definition of straight edge, though I can't name any famous examples.

However, not everyone looks to popular culture to justify their decisions; some have been living straight edge their entire lives without ever hearing term.

Personally, I told myself I would abstain from drugs before knowing what "straight edge" was, and once I learned it existed, I found comfort that I could identify with a group of people who were empowered by that decision despite others' tendency to disregard it.

Though I only discuss it when the topic comes up, people should not assume those who are vocal about being straight edge are judgmental.

I can't even count the number of times I've heard my peers boasting about the number of (insert addictive substance here) they have taken, the number of times they threw up because of it, and further aftermath.

While I believe in their right to make those choices for themselves, I should still be able to talk openly and proudly about my alternate choice if I want to.

In a culture that does not often question the use of recreational drugs, it is making an actual decision using critical thought and analysis that one should be proud of, whether that decision is to go along with the crowd or against it.

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Delta Delta Delta grabs 7th-straight victory

By **Stephanie White**
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Delta Delta Delta sorority members hit the right notes, securing first place in Greek Sing, a choral competition, for their seventh-straight year Sunday at Lantz Arena.

Bailey Derrick, president of Delta Delta Delta, said even though her sorority has won the competition many times in the past, the group still gets nervous before performing.

“We felt a lot of pressure because of the long winning streak,” she said.

Delta Delta Delta members sang about how they felt like their chapter house was like home.

After Greek Sing, the overall Greek Week winners were announced.

The first place winners of Greek Week 2015 were Delta Zeta and Lambda Chi Alpha; the second place winners were Sigma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the third place winners were Alpha Phi and Sigma Pi.

This was Lambda Chi Alpha’s third year in a row to win first place for Greek Week.

Dylan Greger, a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity member and co-chairman for Greek Week 2015 said this is the third time the fraternity has won Greek Week.

“We are still surprised that we won Greek Week, even more because it is our third year in a row,” he said.

He said he cannot wait to see how all three trophies look next to one another in the trophy case in their chapter house.

Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon took first place in Greek Sing, while Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon took second place. Alpha Sigma Tau and Phi Kappa Theta took



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Members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority compete in Greek Sing on Sunday in Lantz Arena. The sorority won the competition for the seventh straight year.

third place.

Sigma Sigma Sigma was the first group to perform; the group’s topic concentrated on songs from the ‘90s. Members wore black tank tops with matching leggings and plaid shirts around their waists to symbolize the era.

Sigma Kappa’s songs used a sweeter approach, as the group performed songs that focused on candy and other treats.

Lambda Chi Alpha members stepped on stage with leis looking like they were ready for the beach and sung tropical and summer-themed songs. Phi Kappa Theta followed them singing

the Beatles songs.

Sigma Nu members performed songs that featured the lyrics “break free” or “breaking free,” and Alpha Gamma Delta used songs that incorporated the word “rain.”

Many sororities and fraternities sang about the tales and trials of love.

Alpha Sigma Tau’s songs focused on love and heartbreak during their performance, and Sigma Pi, the group that followed, sang songs of love as well.

Sigma Chi’s songs were focused on dancing, while Alpha Phi took people back to the ‘80s with their songs.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon took the direc-

tion of love in their performance, singing One Direction songs and current popular love songs. Kappa Delta followed them in singing about love in the mindset of a hero.

Sigma Phi Epsilon brought love back onto the stage with romantic songs.

Alpha Sigma Alpha members decided to be different than other groups and sang about how they were sick of love songs and liars.

Delta Zeta was the last group to perform with songs centered on girl power.

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Josey Fioretto, a freshman elementary education major, and Shelby Adams, a freshman early childhood education major, performed with Alpha Sigma Tau.

“It went by in a blink of an eye,” Adams said.

Fioretto said they did the best they could.

“It was a lot of our first time; we’re very proud,” she said.

Kyla Ulrich, a junior special education major who performed with Delta Zeta, said it was awesome to win first place, especially since this was her first year performing in Airband.

“We practiced probably five or six days a week,” she said. “We really wanted to win. It’s the greatest feeling ever.”

The coronation took place during the intermission of Greek Week’s Airband competition.

Mackenzie Buob of Alpha Sigma Tau was named Greek Week Queen, and Jake Olson of Sigma Phi Epsilon was Greek Week King.

At coronation, each of the candidates for Greek Week Queen were escorted to the stage by the king candidates to music.

Some queen candidates blew kisses and pointed at their sororities in the stands, while some candidates danced up to the stage.

Olson was given a blue crown, and Buob was given a bouquet of flowers.

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“So far we haven’t cut out any events, we just took money away from it, like Panther Service Day and First Night,” Ahmad said. “We’re not cutting them, we’re just making it where they’re only getting less money.”

Ahmad said the co-sponsor for the events are mainly on campus; however, they can also be outside sponsors.

“I know for First Night, sometimes we do get more outside sponsors because they know that First Night is a huge event,” Ahmad said. “Mostly, it’s internal-ly, so (we will) be working with different organizations. For First Night, we would work with ath-letics a lot.”

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Italian flair



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Franck Chikuru, a professional singer, performed at the intermission of the African Student Association’s Fashion show, at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Fri-day in the Grand Ballroom. He performed the song, “Time To Say Goodbye,” in Italian for entertainment during the break at the show.

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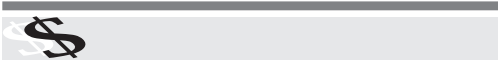
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Wenthe powers Panthers to series win

By Bob Reynolds
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Eastern freshman Bobby Wenthe hit a home run in each game of a three-game series against Belmont over the weekend.

The Panthers were able to take the first two games of the series but dropped Sunday’s contest, 7-6.

Wenthe went 5-for-11 in the week-end series and had six runs batted in.

Eastern senior second baseman Dane Sauer was impressed with Wenthe over the weekend.

“He’s got some of the most raw power I’ve ever seen,” he said. “The kid is unreal, and he only keeps getting better.”

After red-shirt junior Demetre Taylor homered to right field to give Eastern a 2-0 lead on Friday, Wenthe homered to give Eastern a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Freshman pitcher Andy Fisher started game one of the series and pitched five innings and allowed three runs in his first start since March 9 at Austin Peay.

Fisher has been working mostly out of the bullpen this season, but is getting a chance to start on occasion.

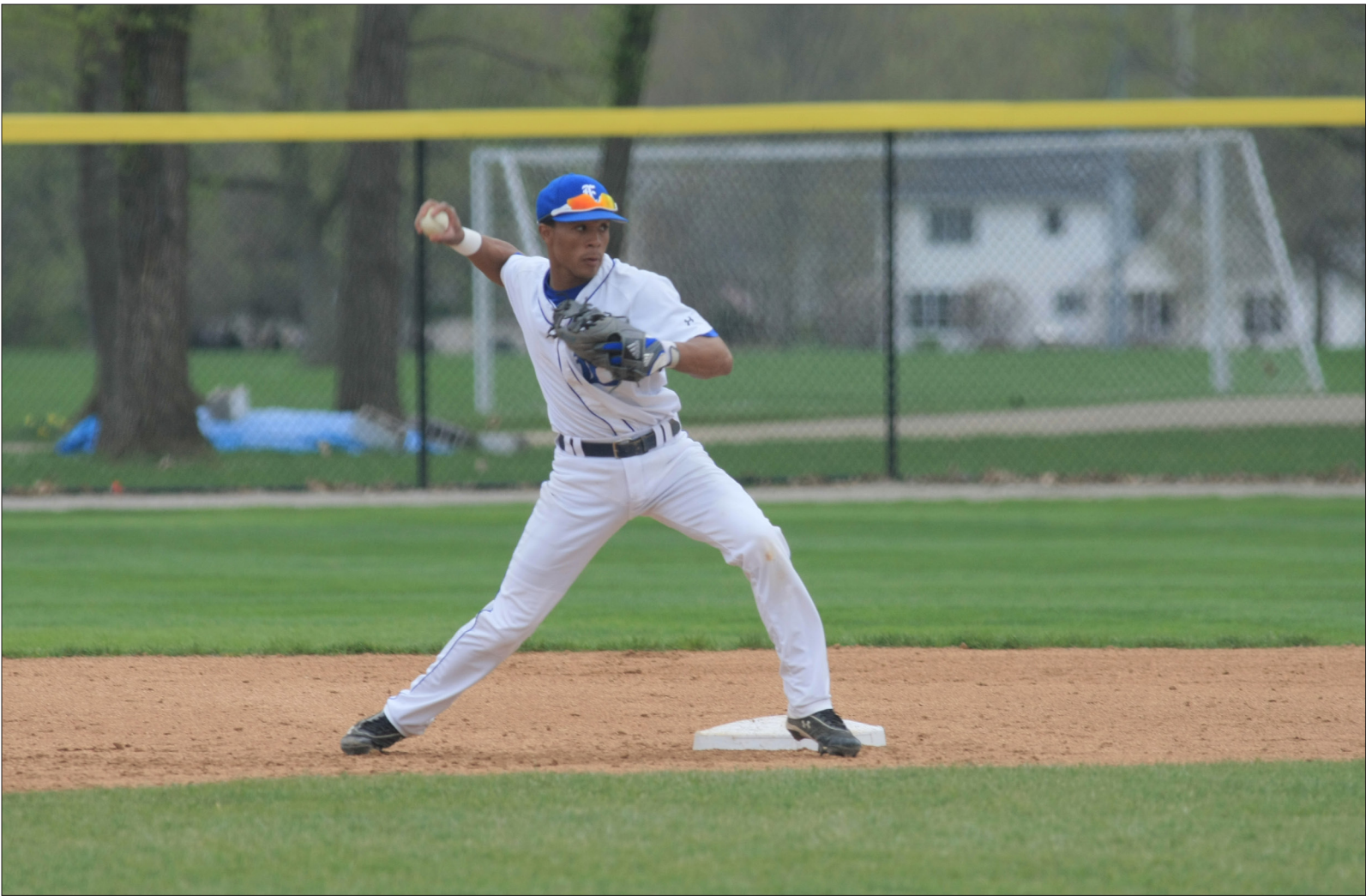
Eastern scored two runs in the ninth inning on two errors by Belmont, and the bullpen of the Panthers was able to shut the Bruins down in the final four innings.

Sophomore Chase Thurston pitched three innings, allowed no runs, and was credited with his second win of the season.

Red-shirt junior Matt Wivinis, who was the starting pitcher in game three, got the save in game one.

Belmont pitching was superior/stellar in game one as well as starter Dan Ludwig pitched 7 2/3 innings and allowed three runs on eight hits and was credited with a no-decision on the day.

Eastern was able to get two runs off Matthew Kinney, who took the loss. He pitched 1 1/3 innings and let up two hits, while striking out none of the seven Panther batters he faced.



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Marshawn Taylor, a sophomore infielder, throws the ball to the first baseman during the baseball game against Illinois College Wednesday at Coaches Stadium.

Wenthe’s stretch continued into Saturday as he hit a 3-run homer in the top of the first inning to give Eastern a 4-0 lead.

Junior pitcher Jake Johansmeier allowed one earned run, two runs total, on seven hits in seven innings pitched and picked up his first win of the season.

Freshman Luke Dietz picked up the save for his first one of the year.

Sauer said the Panther pitchers went out there and did what they had to do.

“They did real well,” he said. “Makes it a lot easier on the offense.”

Wenthe was back at it again in game three as he hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning to tie the game at two.

The Panthers scored four runs in the top of the eighth inning to put themselves ahead, 6-2, but an error by freshman second baseman, Cale Hennemann, caused Belmont to take a 7-6 lead heading into the ninth inning.

Wivinis, who started the game for the Panthers Sunday, pitched seven innings and allowed three runs on nine hits and struck out one.

Dietz picked up the loss for the

Panthers. He finished the game with 2/3 innings pitched and allowed four runs, one earned, on two hits.

Eastern got off to quick starts in all three games, which was important to getting the series win, Eastern senior third baseman Brant Valach said.

“That was big for us,” he said. “It’s always good to get ahead early. When you have a freshman on the mound like we did Friday, it’s important to get them a lead and help them feel comfortable.”

The Panthers have won their last 5-of-7 games and in those five wins they have scored 55 runs.

Valach said the team is just playing complete games now.

“We are hitting when we need to, and pitching when we need to,” he said. “Playing good defense has helped us as well.”

The Panthers improved their record to 7-27 on the season and 4-14 in conference play.

Eastern will be back in action Tuesday at the University of Illinois at 6:05 p.m.

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Eastern women’s tennis season ends in semifinals

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The Eastern women’s tennis team season ended in the Ohio Conference Valley tournament Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., after a 4-0 loss to top-seeded Murray State.


Murray State duo of sophomores Eleonore Tchakarova and Verginie Tchakarova defeated Eastern freshman Grace Summers and senior Sephora Boulbahaïem in the first doubles match, 8-6.

The Racer duo of sophomore Alena Vasileva and junior Megan Blue defeated Eastern sophomores Kelly Iden and Kamile Stadalninkaite, 8-3, in the No. 3 doubles match to give the Racers the doubles point.

The match between Eastern junior doubles partners Ali Foster and Hannah Kimbrough and Murray state doubles partners senior Andrea Eskauriatza and junior Erin Patton were tied 7-7 when the match went unfinished because it was not needed.

The Panthers were unable to come back and secure a victory after losing three singles matches to Murray State.


Eskauriatza defeated Iden in the No. 1 singles match in straight sets 6-3, 6-1. Tchakarova defeated Ali Foster in straight sets as well 6-2, 6-2. In the No. 6 singles match, freshman



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Maria Moshteveva was defeated by Patton 6-1, 6-1.

The matches that involved Kimbrough, Boulbahaïem and Summers in singles matches were not needed, because Murray State had already won the match after the three singles wins.

Murray State ended up being the eventual OVC champion after defeating Eastern Kentucky Sunday.

After losing 7-0 to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville earlier in the season, the Panthers defeated the Cougars, 4-3, in the first round of the OVC tournament.

The Panthers were able to win the doubles point with the help of the duo of Summers and Boulbahaïem, and Iden and Stadalninkaite.

Summers and Boulbahaïem defeated Cougar sophomore Mia Frogner and senior Kali Donner, 8-4, in the No. 1 doubles match.

Iden and Stadalninkaite defeated Cougars duo senior Haley Ilcewicz and junior Monique Krutak, 8-3, in

the No. 3 doubles match.

The Panther duo of Foster and Kimbrough were defeated by Edwardsville sophomore Lexi Aranda and junior Sierra Halverson, 8-4.

The Cougars and Panthers split the six singles matches played.

Foster defeated Frogner 6-2, 7-5, in the No. 2 singles match. Summers defeated Krutak in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

In the No. 5 singles match, Kimbrough defeated Halverson 6-2, 6-2.

Moshteveva was defeated by Ilcewicz in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Donner defeated Boulbahaïem in straight sets 6-1, 7-5.

Iden was defeated by Aranda 6-1, 6-4 in the No. 1 singles match.

Eastern finished out its season with a 13-7 record overall and an 8-4 record in conference play, which included games in tournament play.

Boulbahaïem is the only graduating senior for the Panthers.

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In March, she tied for eighth place at Butler and also tied for sixth at Southern Illinois.

She also leads the Panthers, hitting 10-over-par this season.

Getzin said the consistency the Panthers have shown as of late has been good news with the tournament coming up this week.

“This season we’ve been really good as a team,” Getzin said. “Last week at Southern Illinois-Carbondale, we shot a 322 and Sunday at Indiana State, we shot a 328. So it’s just getting into that consistency zone before OVC, which is good.”

Getzin finished third for the Panthers in last week’s tournament at Indiana State, with Bahr and Pickens finishing first and second for the Panthers.

Bahr hit 19-over-par at Indiana State, and finished tied for 40th overall with 163 strokes.

Bahr’s efforts impressed Moncel, who also said that team’s recent consistency could be a big factor in the outcome of the tournament.

“I was very impressed by Anne’s play last week,” Moncel said. “Our consistency has gotten better over the last two tournaments, so I expect we will play well. This will be the first time playing on this course, and since it’s a Robert Trent Jones Trail golf course, I expect it will be good and generally difficult around the greens.”

Bahr has hit for a season average of 85.9 strokes with a lowest round

of 80 strokes, coming at Southern Illinois, nearly a month ago.

Wolf, the team’s veteran, has averaged 84.1 strokes per round and has hit 12-over-par this season, behind only Getzin.

“Our consistency has gotten better over the last two tournaments, so I expect we will play well.”

-Mike Moncel, Eastern head coach

Pickens has averaged 86 strokes per round this year, with a season low round of 80 strokes coming at Butler on March 24.

She has hit 14-over-par this season, along with Wong and Bahr.

This year’s tournament will be held on the Highland Course at Hampton.

The course is a Par 72 course, and consists of 54 holes on 6,050 yards of green.

Hole-by-hole live results from each day of the championship can be accessed through links at OVC-Sports.com, via the Eastern athletic website.

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@DEN_Sports tweet of the day: Eastern softball coach Angie Nicholson picked up her 400th career win after a 12-0 win over Tennessee State Saturday.

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Panthers win 2 in rain-shortened weekend

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The Eastern softball team had its weekend shortened after rain washed away two games against Belmont Sunday.

Eastern was able to play two games Saturday against Tennessee State and won both.

Going into Saturday's games, head coach Angie Nicholson was sitting on 399 career wins.

Nicholson was able to get her 400th career win as a head coach as the Panthers run ruled the Tigers in five innings, 12-0.

Getting her 400th career win was a big accomplishment for Nicholson.

"It felt amazing," Nicholson said. "I am very grateful and thankful."

The Panthers got off to a quick start in the first game against the Tigers, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first.

Senior Bailey O'Dell started the scoring by doubling and bringing in junior Jennette Isaac. O'Dell advanced to third on a throwing error.

Fellow senior Hannah Cole followed right behind O'Dell with a double of her own which drove in O'Dell.

Sophomores Hannah Rachor and Ashlynnne Paul also drove in a run each in the first inning.

The rest of the Panthers' scoring came in the third inning as the team added on eight more runs.

Junior Kylie Bennett led the team with three runs batted in as she came off the bench as a pinch hitter and doubled to left-center field.

Freshman Jessica Wireman was on the mound and allowed only one hit in five innings.

Freshman Michelle Rogers started game two for the Panthers but she was replaced by Wireman in the second inning after giving up four runs.

Wireman was able to shut them down for the rest of the game only giving up one run.

The Panthers got down quick when Lindsey Burgess hit a three-run home run in the first inning.



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Kylie Bennett, a junior infielder, tags out a Tennessee State runner heading to first base Saturday at Williams Field. Bennett led the Panthers with three runs batted in during the game against the Tigers.

Junior April Markowski got the scoring started in the third inning by homering to left field and driving in fellow junior Haylee Beck.

The Panthers' home runs continued in the sixth inning when Cole hit a solo home run well over the center field fence to make the score, 5-3.

Bennett was walked right after Cole's home run and Rachor singled to advance Bennett to second.

Sophomore Amber Toenyes was also walked

to load the bases.

Paul came in to pinch hit for Watson and she singled to left field to drive in freshman Taylor Miokovic who pinch ran for Bennett.

Markowski then came up with the bases loaded and singled to left and drove in two runs to take the lead, 6-5, and eventually win the game.

Markowski said she came up to the plate telling herself she could get the job done.

"I was like, just breathe, get the hit, you can

do this," Markowski said.

She said that it felt really good to be able to contribute to the team driving in four of the six runs.

Wireman got the win on the mound to improve her record to 9-10 and her ERA to 3.68.

The Panthers OVC record is now 11-8.

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Track, field teams set records at Illinois

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern men and women's track and field teams had three first-place finishes last weekend at the Illini Twilight meet.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team set a new school record with their time of 39.79 seconds.

They finished second to Illinois, who was hosting the event.

The women's team won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 45.95 seconds.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team had a top-three finish with a time of 3 minutes, 15.97 seconds.

In the men's sprints, sophomore Jamal Robinson and junior Christian Ilunga-Matthiesen placed second and third in the 100-meter dash, respectively.

Robinson and Ilunga-Matthiesen also took sixth and seventh in 200-meter dash, respectively.

Derek Williamson posted a top-ten finish in the men's 400-meter dash with a final time of 49.11 seconds.

Senior Ephraim Dorsey won the men's 800-meter run with his time of 1:50.78.

He now ranks eighth all time in school history with that time.

Junior Kristen Paris took second in the 800-meter run for the women. Her time was 2:10.24.

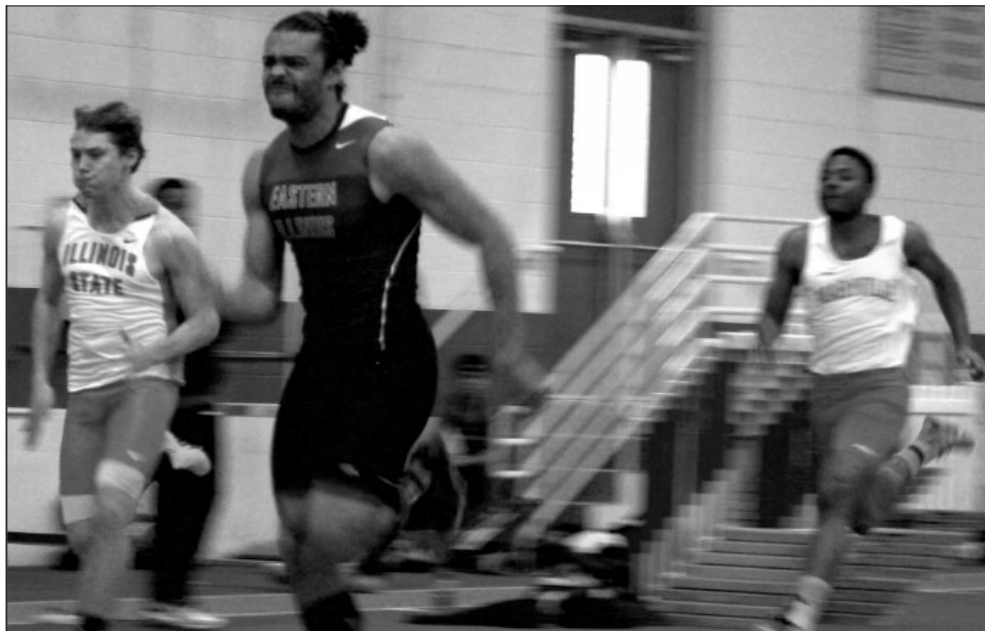
Junior Dhiaa Dean won the women's 400-dash with her run of 55.31 seconds.

She now ranks fifth all-time on Eastern's top-ten list.

Eastern had three top-three finishes in the hurdles.

Junior Katie Ryan placed second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.87 seconds.

The time gives her the third best time in



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Christian Ilunga-Matthiesen, a junior economics major, participates in the 60-meter dash during the John Craft invite in Lantz Arena Indoor Fieldhouse Jan. 24.

school history.

In the women's 400-meter hurdles, junior Amina Jackson came in third with her time of 1:01.70.

Red-shirt senior Danny Trevor took third in the same event for the men with a time of 52.86 seconds.

In the field events, redshirt senior Aviance King came in third in the men's high jump with a leap of 6-6 1/4 inches.

Sophomore Kendall Williams earned two second-place finishes in the sand jumps. He was second in the long jump with a jump of 22-9 1/4 and second in the triple jump with a mark of 45-2 1/2."

Sophomore Aaron Fullerton claimed third in the triple jump by clearing 45-10."

For the women, freshman Haleigh Knapp came in third place in the high jump with her mark of 5-4 1/2."

Freshman Maria Baldwin placed second in the 5,000-meter race for the women with a time of 17:16.90. That puts her at fourth on the all-time list.

The women's team placed third out of 11 Division-I schools.

The men finished second out of ten schools.

Western Michigan placed first in women's team rankings and host Illinois won first for the men.

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Women's golf team readies for tournament

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The next three days can arguably be the most important for the Eastern women's golf team.

The Panthers will be competing at the Ohio Valley Conference championship at the Hampton Cove Golf Course in Alabama from April 20-22.

Eastern will join the nine other OVC teams that sponsor women's golf, in the battle for the OVC crown.

The other nine schools include Austin Peay, Belmont, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Morehead State, Murray State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

Murray State won last year's tournament for the ninth time in school history, and the first since 2010.

Morehead State is leading the OVC with 305.7 strokes per tournament this season.

Meanwhile, the Racers weren't far behind with 306.7 strokes this season.

Eastern coach Mike Moncel has chosen senior Tiffany Wolf, sophomore Alexandra Pickens, freshmen Anne Bahr and Annie Getzin and sophomore Chloe Wong as his starting five competitors for this tournament.

Getzin has led the Panthers with an 82.4 stroke average, including a pair of Top 10 finishes this spring.

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